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1. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. TVERDOKHLEBOV HAS REPLACED
VOLODYA ALBREKHT AS SECRETARY
OF THE LOCAL AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER. ALBREKHT IS
STILL ACTIVE IN THE GROUP BUT WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT, IF ANY,
FORMAL POSITION HE HOLDS.

2. DINA BEILINA RECEIVES EXIT PERMISSION. DINA BEILINA
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AND HER HUSBAND WERE NOTIFIED MARCH 6 THAT THEY HAD BEEN
GRANTED EXIT PERMISSION AND WERE GIVEN UNTIL MARCH 20
TO GET OUT OF COUNTRY. SHE TELLS US THAT WORD HAS
OBVIOUSLY BEEN GIVEN TO ALL CONCERNED OFFICES NOT TO RAISE
OBSTACLES. SHE IS UPSET ABOUT HAVING TO LEAVE AT THIS
TIME, WHICH SHE REGARDS AS CRITICAL, PARTICULARLY FOR
SHCHARANSKIY, BUT WILL TRY TO COMPLY WITH TWO-WEEK DEAD-

LINE. A COURAGEOUS WOMAN, AN ACTIVE AND IMPORTANT LINK BETWEEN THE REFUSENIKS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AND A LONG-TIME EMBASSY CONTACT, BEILINA WILL BE PARTICULARLY MISSED BY SHCHARANSKIY'S RELATIVES, WHO SHE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ASSISTING. SHCHARANSKIY'S BROTHER, LEONID, LOOKED SHAKEN BY NEWS OF DINA'S IMMINENT DEPARTURE WHEN EMBOFF SAW HIM AT SYNAGOGUE MARCH 11.

3. GOLDSHTEIN CASE (REFS A AND B). REFUSENIK SOURCES TELL US THAT INVESTIGATION INTO PARASITISM CHARGE AGAINST GRIGORY GOLDSHTEIN HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND CASE HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO COURTS. THEY HAVE NOT HEARD THAT A TRIAL DATE HAS BEEN SET.

4. PARASITISM CHARGE AGAINST PAVEL ABRAMOVICH. ABRAMOVICH, A MOSCOW REFUSENIK, HAS ALSO BEEN UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR PARASITISM. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, CASE IS AT SAME STAGE AS THAT OF GOLDSHTEIN. THEY BELIEVE TRIAL DATE SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED NOT LATER THAN MARCH 17.

5. JACKSON VISIT. VOA STORY THAT SENATOR JACKSON'S VISIT WILL NOT OCCUR AS SCHEDULED IS MAJOR CURRENT TOPIC OF CONVERSATION AMONG REFUSENIKS. THEY CONSIDER IT VERY BAD NEWS. THEY INTERPRET IT TO MEAN THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES DO NOT WANT JACKSON TO COME AT THIS TIME BECAUSE AT MINIMUM THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO TAKE CONCILIATORY STEPS WHICH WOULD MAKE VISIT A SUCCESS AND AT MAXIMUM THEY ARE PLANNING HARSH ACTIONS AGAINST SHCHARANSKIY OR OTHER REFUSENIKS.

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6. CSCE FINAL DOCUMENT. SOME REFUSENIKS BELIEVE THAT U.S. SUFFERED DEFEAT AT CSCE IN SIGNING FINAL DOCUMENT WITH NO SUBSTANTIVE HUMAN RIGHTS MATERIAL. THEY BELIEVE THAT U.S. WOULD HAVE DONE BETTER TO BLOCK ANY FINAL DOCUMENT THAN PERMIT THAT WHICH EMERGED. OTHERS ACCEPT USG VIEW OF FINAL DOCUMENT, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO COMMITMENT TO ON-GOING REVIEW PROCESS AND MADRID MEETING IN 1980.

7. KGB. ACCORDING TO A REFUSENIK SOURCE, WHO HAD THE INFORMATION SECOND-HAND, A KGB OPERATIVE WHO DETAINED ONE OF THE WOMEN WHO INTENDED TO PARTICIPATE IN WOMEN'S DAY DEMONSTRATION AT LENIN LIBRARY TOLD HER: "YOU THINK WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE NOW. WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE HOW MANY WE WILL HAVE IN TWO YEARS." (NOTE: SOURCE INTERPRETED THIS TO MEAN KGB WOULD GROW SUBSTANTIALLY OVER NEXT TWO YEARS.)

8. ALEKSANDR PODRABINEK'S BROTHER KIRILL GOES ON TRIAL MARCH 14 FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL (REF C). PODRABINEK'S DECISION TO RESIST KGB BLACKMAIL, REMAIN IN THE SOVIET UNION AND ALLOW HIS BROTHER TO SUFFER

THE CONSEQUENCES OF A TRIAL BASED ON HONY EVIDENCE, HAS PROVIDED A MORAL BOOST TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE PSYCHIATRIC WATCH COMMITTEE. ALEKSANDR HAS AGAIN FOUND WORK AS A MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AND REPORTS NO FURTHER KGB SURVEILLANCE.

9. SEPTEL FOLLOWS ON SHCHARANSKIY. TOON

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